GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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KASTURBA GANDHI ESALIKA VIDYALAYAS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to open more Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas especially in minority dominated areas during 2007-08;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State and Union Territory-wise;

(c) the criteria adopted for selection of areas for setting up of such vidyalayas in the country;

(d) the details of funds allocated for the purpose during 2006-07 and 2007-08;

(e) the number of new vidyalayas so far opened during the said period;

(f) whether the Government proposes to include linguistic minorities under the said scheme;and

(g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a)to(g): The Government of India has so far sanctioned 2180 Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) for setting up residential schools at upper primary level for girls belonging predominantly to the Schedule Castes(SC),Schedule Tribes(ST),Other Backward Classes (OBC) and minorities in difficult areas in the country.The scheme,since its inception in 2004, was applicable in Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs) where the rural female literacy was below the national average(46.13%: Census 2001) and the gender gap in literacy was more than the national average (21.59%: Census 2001).

The criteria of eligible blocks has been revised with effect from 1st April,2008 to include 410 new KGBVs i.e. 316 additional educationally backward blocks with rural female literacy below 30%;and 94 towns/cities having minority concentration with female literacy rate below the national average (53.67%).